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13TH CAPE TEMPORAL BONE COURSE CROSSES THE ATLANTIC DIVIDE



James Loock supervising delegates at the 13th Cape TB Workshop

The ENT Division of the University of Stellenbosch presents a Temporal Bone Course every year in the best months of the year for Cape Town weather, sometime from February to May. The purpose of the course is primarily to develop surgical skills, anatomical knowledge and clinical expertise relevant to the temporal bone and the ear to ENT registrars and consultants alike.

While the course is primarily aimed at South African ENT registrars and consultants, it has gained an international reputation with delegates coming from every continent for the value it provides.

It has also expanded its ambit: initially run by Professors James Loock of Tygerberg and George Browning of Scotland, it now benefits from inputs from several other otologists including Professor Claude Laurent, Dr Dave Pothier, and Professor Louis Hofmeyr.

In order to meet demand, the course has expanded to become one of the biggest in the world in terms of numbers: it accommodates 34 delegates every year.

The scope of the course has also expanded: while it retains a focus on drilling skills on the temporal bone (and in particular teaching the relative advantages of "back-to-front" and "front-to-back" approaches, other technological advances in otol-

ogy are included: using multi-planar radiological CT imaging; the use of cartilage in middle ear surgery; the role of the laser in stapedectomy; and endoscopic ear surgery. This year featured a live transatlantic link to Toronto, from where Dr Dave Pothier demonstrated endoscopic ear surgery via Karl Storz' new Tele-Medicine project. This was made possible by using the Karl Storz C-hub system which simply plugs into any PC or Laptop. These endoscopic transmission can then be sent to any location in the world, by simply connecting to 3G.

Professor Loock is quick to point out that the success of the course is in large part due to the support he receives from colleagues and sponsors who make such a logistically complex workshop possible. The Department of Anatomy under Professor Ben Page provides 2 superbly prepared bones, one left and one right, for each delegate. Karl Storz, a core sponsor from early 2000, once again supplied superb instrumentation and drills for the course.

The course receives consistently excellent ratings from delegates, and also benefits from a great spirit of camaraderie, both in the work sessions and in the social evenings.

The next course is planned for February 2014. For further information see the course website: www.entcourses.co.za